

# **The New York Times** Notable Books of 2009

## *Fiction*

*The Casebook of Victor Frankenstein* by Peter Ackroyd

*The Year of the Flood* by Margaret Atwood

*Invisible* by Paul Auster

*The Anthologist* by Nicholson Baker

*Await Your Reply* by Dan Chaon

*Amateur Barbarians* by Robert Cohen

*The Sky Below* by Stacey D'Erasmus

*Jeff in Venice, Death in Varanasi* by Geoff Dyer

*Every Man Dies Alone* by Hans Fallada

*Don't Cry: Stories* by Mary Gaitskill

*Love and Obstacles: Stories* by Aleksandar Hemon

*Nocturnes: Five Stories of Music and Nightfall* by Kazuo Ishiguro

*The Lacuna* by Barbara Kingsolver

*Chronic City* by Jonathan Lethem

*Family Album* by Penelope Lively

*Wolf Hall* by Hilary Mantel

*The Confessions of Edward Day* by Valerie Martin

*Let the Great World Spin* by Colum McCann

*How it Ended: New and Collected Stories* by Jay McInerney

*Both Ways Is the Only Way I Want It* by Maile Meloy

*American Rust* by Philipp Meyer

*A Gate at the Stairs* by Lorrie Moore

*In Other Rooms, Other Wonders* by Daniyal Mueenuddin

*Too Much Happiness* by Alice Munro

*Nothing Right: Short Stories* by Antonya Nelson

*The Museum of Innocence* by Orhan Pamuk

*The Song Is You* by Arthur Phillips

*Lark and Termite* by Jayne Anne Phillips

*Generosity: An Enhancement* by Richard Powers

*One D.O.A., One on the Way* by Mary Robison

*Follow Me* by Joanna Scott

*Do Not Deny Me: Stories* by Jean Thompson

*Everything Ravaged, Everything Burned* by Wells Tower

*Love and Summer* by William Trevor

*My Father's Tears: And Other Stories* by John Updike

*A Short History of Women* by Kate Walbert

*Half Broke Horses: A True-Life Novel* by Jeannette Walls

*The Little Stranger* by Sarah Waters

*Sag Harbor* by Colson Whitehead

*Once the Shore: Stories* by Paul Yoon

## **The New York Times Notable Non-Fiction Books of 2009**

*The Evolution of God* by Robert Wright **200.9 Wright**

*The Case for God* by Karen Armstrong **211 Armstrong**

*A Paradise Built in Hell* by Rebecca Solnit **303.485 Solnit**

*When Everything Changed* by Gail Collins **305.4097 Collins**

*Fordlandia* by Greg Grandin **307.768 Grandin**

*Shop Class as Soulcraft* by Matthew B. Crawford **331 Crawford**

*In Fed We Trust* by David Wessel **332.1 Wessel**

*Lords of Finance* by Liaquat Ahamed **332.1092 Ahamed**

*The Myth of the Rational Market* by Justin Fox **332.6401 Fox**

*A Fiery Peace in a Cold War* by Neil Sheehan **355 Sheehan**

*Methland* by Nick Reding **362.299 Reding**

*Securing the City* by Christopher Dickey **363.325 Dickey**

*Columbine* by Dave Cullen **373.7888 Cullen**

*The Age of Wonder* by Richard Holmes **509.4109 Holmes**

*The Age of Entanglement* by Louisa Gilder **530.12 Gilder**

*Thelonious Monk* by Robin D. G. Kelley **786.2165 Monk**

*Cowboys Full* by James McManus **795.412 McManus**

*Lit* by Mary Karr **811.54 Karr**

*Cheever* by Blake Bailey **813.52 Bailey**

*Ayn Rand and the World She Made* by Anne C. Heller **813.52 Rand**

*Hiding Man* by Tracy Daugherty **813.54 Barthelme**

*Losing Mum and Pup* by Christopher Buckley **813.54 Buckley**

*Raymond Carver* by Carol Sklenicka **813.54 Carver**

*Flannery* by Brad Gooch **813.54 Flannery**

*Lost in the Meritocracy* by Walter Kirn **813.54 Kirn**

*The Lost Child* by Julie Myerson **820.8 Myerson**

*Why This World* by Benjamin Moser **869.341 Lispector**

*Cold* by Bill Streever **910.911 Streever**

*The Lost City Of Z* by David Grann **918.1 Grann**

*The Fires of Vesuvius* by Mary Beard **937.7 Beard**

*The Third Reich at War* by Richard J. Evans **940.5343 Evans**

*The Good Soldiers* by David Finkel **956.7044 Finkel**

*The Weight of a Mustard Seed* by Wendell Steavenson **956.7044 Steavenson**

*Horse Soldiers* by Doug Stanton **958.1047 Stanton**

*Dancing in the Dark* by Morris Dickstein **973.91 Dickstein**

*The Wilderness Warrior* by Douglas Brinkley **973.911 Brinkley**

*The Ground Truth* by John Farmer **973.991 Farmer**

*Zeitoun* by Dave Eggers **976.335 Eggers**

*Open* by Andre Agassi **Biography Agassi**

*Born Round* by Frank Bruni **Biography Bruni**

*The Strangest Man* by Graham Farmelo **Biography Dirac**

*Satchel* by Larry Tye **Biography Paige**

*The Invention of Air* by Steven Johnson **Biography Priestley**

*Closing Time* by Joe Queenan **Biography Queenan**

*The Mercy Papers* by Robin Romm **Biography Romm**

*The First Tycoon* by T. J. Stiles **Biography Vanderbilt**